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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Mr. McCone's Meeting with Representative Carl Vinson -
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1. At the request of Chairman Carl Vinson, Mr. McCone, accompanied by John S. Warner, met with the Chairman this morning for approximately 45 minutes. Also present were: Representative Leslie C. Arends and Representative L. Mendel Rivers, with Robert Smart, Chief Counsel of House Armed Services Committee, attending. Mr. Vinson indicated he would like to hear from the Director anything he cared to offer. The Director then touched on his desire and mandate to concentrate more on the over-all coordination aspects of the intelligence job, with the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence acting as the chief executive officer and manager of the Agency. In response to a question, Mr. McCone indicated that this was not a basic shift of responsibility under the statute but was simply a change of emphasis. Mr. McCone discussed briefly USIB and the designation of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence to serve on the Board as the CIA representative, leaving the DCI free as Chairman. He also discussed possible changes resulting from the establishment of DIA. Mr. McCone touched on the question of designation of a Deputy, indicating the reasons he believed that the Deputy should be a military officer.

2. Mr. Vinson reviewed the past relationships with the Subcommittee indicating there had been no leaks of any nature. He further indicated that to replace Mr. Kilday he had designated Mr. Rivers to serve on the CIA Subcommittee but that he, Mr. Vinson,

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would serve as the Chairman. He indicated that there was no desire to pry into Agency affairs and that the Director should offer the Subcommittee what he felt was appropriate. Mr. Vinson reiterated that it was not necessary that the Subcommittee know everything concerning Agency affairs. Mr. Vinson indicated that the CIA Subcommittee should meet as a partial effort to stave off those who clamor for a Joint Committee which he thought was most undesirable. He indicated that in the past the efforts for a Joint Committee had been fended off with the assistance of the Speaker, Mr. Rayburn, and indicated he did not know the present Speaker's attitude. Mr. Warner added that Mr. McCormack had stated on numerous occasions that he was firmly against a Joint Committee for Intelligence Matters.

3. Mr. Vinson commented on the desirability of as few briefings by the Agency of Committees on the Hill as possible. He specifically mentioned that, of course, we would probably have to respond to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. When it was mentioned that we already had bids from Senate Foreign Relations and House Foreign Affairs, Mr. Vinson indicated he thought we should try to wiggle out of these if possible. Mr. McCone indicated that it was the President's desire and his desire that we make as few appearances on the Hill as possible.

4. Mr. Vinson suggested the desirability of an early meeting and Mr. Arends pushed on this and eventually a tentative date was established for 22 January. (Subsequently, when Mr. McCone's schedule was checked, the meeting time of 9:30 on Monday was confirmed. Mr. Smart suggested the Subcommittee would wish to hear a general situation world report including, of course, the Soviet military posture. It was agreed no transcript would be taken.)

5. During the course of the meeting Mr. McCone expressed his full confidence in the Subcommittee and his desire to cooperate as in the past and in every way possible.

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